

CASE 1:07-CV-00035-RJA-HKS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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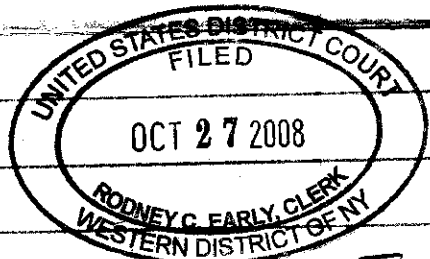
PLAINTIFF

V.

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~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~

DEFENDANT



NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR THE
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT DONALD JAMES ANSON,
THE PLAINTIFF, HEREBY MOVES FOR THE APPOINTMENT
OF COUNSEL, UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1915, FOR THE
ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE, BASED ON THE FACTS AND
REASONS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED BRIEF.

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MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
— BRIEF —

THE PLAINTIFF, DONALD JAMES ANSON, RESPECTFULLY
ASKS, MOVES, THE COURT TO CONSIDER THE
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL UNDER 28 U.S.C.A. §1915.

WHILE THE PLAINTIFF UNDERSTANDS THAT SUCH
AN APPOINTMENT, IN A CIVIL CASE SUCH AS THIS,
IS NOT A 'RIGHT' BUT IS DONE SO ONLY AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE COURT, PLAINTIFF OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE COURTS
CONSIDERATION.

THE PLAINTIFF WOULD ASK THE COURT TO MAKE
ITS DECISION WITH THE CASE OF HODGE V. POLICE
OFFICER 802 F.2d 58 (2ND CIR 1986) IN MIND.

HODGE STATED, "A COURT MUST EXERCISE ITS
DISCRETION WITH SOUND LEGAL PRINCIPLES... SEE
ALBEMARLE PAPER CO. V MOODY, 422 U.S. 405, 416, 95
S. CT 2362, 2370, 45 L. Ed. 2d 280 (1975); JENKINS V.
CHEMICAL BANK, 721 F.2d 876, 879 (1983).

FOLLOWING CRITERION;

- ① "AS A THRESHOLD MATTER ... THE DISTRICT COURT MUST CONSIDER THE MERITS OF THE INDIGENTS CLAIM" 650 F.2d AT 887 CITING MULLER V PLEASURE 296 F.2d 283 HODGE AT 60.

IN THE PRESENT CASE, PLAINTIFF CLAIMED THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS AND ORDERS GIVEN BY THE U.S. MARSHALS CAUSED PLAINTIFF TO FALL AND INJURE HIMSELF, THUS BRINGING THIS ACTION. (SEE ^{DOC. 21} ~~ON~~ ~~COM~~ AMENDED COMPLAINT) THE DEFENDANTS, THOUGH THEY HAVE FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS (DOC 23) HAVE NOT CHALLENGED THE FACTS AS STATED IN THE COMPLAINT AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE INJURY, NOR THE EXISTANCE OF THE INJURY. INSTEAD THEY SAY ACTIONS, AS STATED IN THE COMPLAINT, WERE NOT ACTIONABLE DUE TO THE 'DISCRETIONARY FUNCTION EXCEPTION (28 U.S.C. § 2680 (a)), AN AFFIRMATE DEFENSE.

TO GO BEYOND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE COMPLAINT WOULD BRING THE ISSUE TO THE SECOND CRITERION (SEE BELOW)

- ② "ONE SUCH CONSIDERATION IS THE NATURE OF THE FACTUAL ISSUES THE CASE CLAIM PRESENTS" HODGE AT 61, OFFERING "AN INDIGENT PRISONER [SUCH AS PLAINTIFF] BRINGING SUCH A CASE WOULD BE UNABLE TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION; THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD MILITATE TOWARD APPOINTING COUNSEL" MARLIN 650 F.2d AT 887 CITING PETERSON

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'IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THE TRUTH WILL BE EXPOSED
WHERE BOTH SIDES ARE REPRESENTED BY THOSE
TRAINED IN PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE AND IN CROSS-
EXAMINATION' 650 F.2d AT 888 CITING MANNING V.
LOCKHART 623 F.2d 536 (8th CIR 1980)" HODGE AT 61.

THE INSTANT CASE MAY WELL INVOLVE THE
TYPE OF MEDICAL TESTIMONY THAT WOULD NEED
AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY TO PRESENT AND DIRECT.

- ③ THE THIRD FACTOR "CITED BY THE MACLIN COURT IS
THE PLAINTIFF'S APPARENT ABILITY TO PRESENT THE
CASE 650 F.2d AT 888 AS ARTICULATED IN GORDON V.
LEEKE, 574 F.2d 1147 (4th CIR 1978).

I AM TOTALLY NEW TO THIS PROCEDURE.

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